

17. (New) A radial bearing made of a copper alloy mainly comprising Cu, Zn, Al, Mn, and Si.

18. (New) The radial bearing according to claim 17, wherein said copper alloy contains 54 to 64 wt% of Cu, 0.2 to 3.0 wt% of Si, 0.2 to 7.0 wt% of Mn, 0.5 to 3.5 wt% of Al, and the remainder substantially of Zn.

19. (New) A radial bearing, comprising a brass alloy in which an Mn-Si compound is crystallized in a brass base material.

20. (New) The radial bearing according to claim 19, wherein said brass alloy has a structure in which an Mn-Si compound crystallized in said brass base material is elongated and is dispersed.

21. (New) The radial bearing according to claim 19, wherein a floating metal comprises said radial bearing.

REMARKS

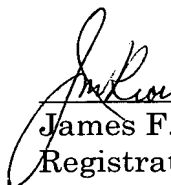
A new set of claims is presented. Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381NT/50973).

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